

HONORING RAFAEL LORENZO
GALLEGOS

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant in the State of Colorado. Former State Representative Rafael Lorenzo Gallegos passed away on Monday, May 24, 2010. Colorado and the San Luis Valley have lost a tremendously respected leader.

Representative Gallegos led a remarkable life. He served in the United States Air Force Reserve in the 1950s while he completed his high school education. He then went on to Colorado State University in Pueblo and then to the National Weather Service. He was elected Mayor of Antonito, Colorado in 2002 and went on to represent the San Luis Valley in the Colorado legislature from 2005 to 2008.

While serving in the legislature, Representative Gallegos focused on issues important to southern Colorado. He was passionate about water and agriculture, and about taking care of our veterans. He also worked to bring economic development to the San Luis Valley. Always a friendly face, the former weather man was known throughout the Capitol for delivering the weather forecast every Friday on the House floor before members had to travel home to their districts for the weekend.

First and foremost, Rafael Gallegos was a servant to his constituents, an example to those of us who strive to serve the public. He once said, "I am there for the people. . . . Whatever I do and however I vote will be in this district's best interest." Representative Gallegos never forgot where he came from and he lived to serve others so that they could have a brighter future.

My condolences go out to his family during this difficult time. He will be missed but his legacy will live on through all of the lives that he touched in Southern Colorado.

HONORING WILBUR J. COHEN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I speak today to honor a remarkable American, Wilbur J. Cohen, on the 97th anniversary of his birth.

From the programs of the New Deal to the Great Society, Wilbur Cohen was a key player in nearly every significant effort that involved social legislation. Nicknamed "The Man Who Built Medicare," Mr. Cohen was responsible for improving the quality of life of millions of elderly Americans. As an acquaintance of Mr. Cohen once said, "he feels every person in the country who is home alone sick is his personal responsibility."

Mr. Cohen was born on June 10, 1913 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1934, Mr. Cohen relocated to Washington, D.C. to pursue his dreams of public service. In short order, he became a key drafter of the Social Security Act. He then became the Director of

the Bureau of Research and Statistics, which managed program development and legislative coordination with Congress for the Social Security Board—renamed the Social Security Administration in 1946. Shortly after his election, President John F. Kennedy appointed Mr. Cohen as Assistant Secretary for Legislation of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. During President Kennedy's administration, Mr. Cohen was responsible for obtaining congressional approval of over sixty-five bills. In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Mr. Cohen Under Secretary and, in 1968, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. During the Johnson Administration, Mr. Cohen ensured the passage of the historic Medicare bill and the landmark education bill that granted federal aid to elementary and secondary schools. Not limiting his attention to welfare, Social Security, and Medicare, however, Mr. Cohen also dedicated his efforts to addressing the concerns of school dropouts, Indian health, consumer protection, and the budgetary needs of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, to name a few other issues of concern.

Portrayed by Time magazine as a man of "boundless energy, infectious enthusiasm, and a drive for action," Mr. Cohen's exemplary spirit and selfless dedication to public service have allowed countless people to live healthier and more fulfilling lives. This drive for a better America earned the support of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle for the expansion of social programs to those most in need. A true visionary and a lifelong believer in social justice, Mr. Cohen was an inspiration to all Americans for his tireless advocacy on behalf of the less fortunate. On May 17, 1987, Mr. Cohen passed away, and the United States lost a great pioneer of social legislation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Mr. Wilbur J. Cohen.

RECOGNIZING 2010 LORDS AND
LADIES OF FAIRFAX

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a dedicated group of men and women in Northern Virginia. For the past twenty-six years, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has selected two people from their district who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to our community. Since the program's inception in 1984, nearly 500 individuals have been recognized as a Lord or Lady Fairfax by their representative on the Board of Supervisors.

Individuals recognized as Lords and Ladies of Fairfax have made significant contributions in their communities. This year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized outstanding individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety providers, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments by the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and should be commended.

The following individuals were recognized as Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees for 2010. Each of these individuals was selected as a result of his or her outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other special achievements. These individuals have earned our praise and appreciation.

At Large: Lady Luella F. Brown and Lord Verdia L. Haywood

Braddock District: Lady Shirley DiBartolo and Lord Sam DiBartolo

Dranesville District: Lady Tanveer A. Mirza and Lord Cantor Michael A. Schochet

Hunter Mill District: Lady Carol Ann Bradley and Lord Patrick Kane

Lee District: Lady Suzette Kern and Lord Harry H. Zimmerman

Mason District: Lady Cindy Waters and Lord Mike Magill

Mt. Vernon District: Lady Glenda Booth and Lord Linwood Gorham

Providence District: Lady Sarah M. Lahr and Lord Ken A. Quincy

Springfield District: Lady Lynne M. Garvey-Hodge and Lord Tom Peterson

Sully District: Lady Deborah J. Robison and Lord Steven T. Ratliff

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides enumerable benefits to Northern Virginia and serves to strengthen and enrich our communities.

HONORING RILEY WALTER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Riley Walter upon thirty years of business in the legal field. Mr. Riley will be honored at a reception on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Mr. Riley Walter attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973 and a Master of Arts degree in 1974, both in Agriculture. While working towards his Masters degree, he worked as an assistant professor of agriculture business management at Cal Poly, Pomona. Upon completing the masters program, Mr. Walter attended Western State University in southern California and received a Juris Doctorate in 1980. During this time, he was also working toward becoming a tenured associate professor at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Later, Mr. Walter became certified as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist by the American Board of Bankruptcy Certification.

In 1980, Mr. Walter passed the bar and in May began practicing in a commercial law firm where he was working on reorganization, insolvency and bankruptcy law in Central California, from Bakersfield to Sacramento. His primary area of practice has become insolvency law, specifically Chapter 11 and specializing in large scale agricultural and agribusiness cases including creameries, processors, wineries, feed mills, farms, ranches and dairies. Mr. Walter also works on consensual restructuring, workouts, liquidations, receiverships, assignment for benefit of creditors